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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING DISPLAY DEVICE )  
WITH EVEN SURFACE )

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**REFERENCES CITED HEREIN**

Japanese patent nos. JP 10-48667 and JP 10-197897 disclosed herein, were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese patent application no. JP 2004-315626, and mailed to

Applicants on April 2, 2007. Additionally, the two above-identified Japanese references and Japanese patent no. JP 11-65487, were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 2001-013099 and mailed to Applicants on April 10, 2007.

The family of JP 10-197897 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,147,667 \*

US Patent No. 6,271,818 B1 \*

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0011983 A1 \*

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The family of JP 11-65487 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,373,453 B1 \*

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US Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0206144 A1 \*

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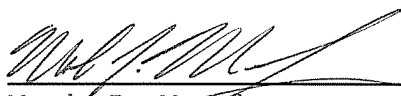
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